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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to the examination of the above identified application subject to a Request for Continued Examination under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 filed on February 14, 2005, Applicants respectfully request amendment of the claims as provided below.

1. (Currently amended) A notification system for at least one power supply coupled to a computer network and adapted to transmit data over the computer network when the at least one power supply undergoes an entry of a critical state, the notification system comprising:

a computer system connected to the computer network, the computer system being adapted to:

monitor information transmitted over the computer network and detect an occurrence of the data being associated with the entry of the critical state;

store information relating to the data being associated with the entry and exit of the critical state; and

report over the computer network at least one of: (i) a combination of an entry time of the critical state and an exit time of the critical state, and (ii) a duration of time as a difference between the entry time and the exit time of the critical state.